THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS). (a) No, Sir, There is no such approved scheme at present with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Declaration of Chitradurga and Kolar Districts as no Industry Districts

6697. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for declaring Chitradurg and Kolar Districts in Karnataka as no industry districts; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN: (a) and (b). At present there is no proposal to declare any district/area as a No Industry District Including Chitradurg and Kolar.

Telecast of TV Serial Jesus Christ

6698. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of INFOERMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the Doordarshan propose to start telecast of the serial 'Jesus Christ'; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). No TV serial under the title " Jesus Christ" has been approved by Doordarshan. However, they have approved a sponsored TV serial titled "Stories from the Bible". The producers have not yet submitted the first four episodes of this Serial. The scheduling of the Serial would be done after the first four episodes have been previewed and found suitable in all respects.

[*Translation*]

Industrially backward areas in Maharashtra

6699. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities provided in backward areas of Maharashtra;

(b) the details of the central capital assistance approved by the Union Government for these areas; and

(c) the details of the proposed facilities to be provided to the units of small scale industries for undertaking the development of these backward areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Under the growth Centre Scheme announced by the Government in June, 1988 for industrialisation of backward areas, Maharashtra has been allocated 5 growth centres which would be located one each in the districts of Akola, Chandrapur,Dhule, Nanded and Ratnagiri.

In addition, the Maharashtra state Industrial Development Corporation is providing infrastructural facilities for industrialisa-

tion of backward/rural areas. The state Government offers a package of assistance including subsidy on fixed assets, deferment of Sales Tax etc, for entrepreneurs setting up industrial units in backward areas.The small Industries Corporation of Maharashtra (SICOM) is also offering financial, technical and other assistance to entrepreneurs for establishing industries.

(b) During the 7th Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 1,256.55 lakhs was released to the government of Maharashtra as central capital assistance. Another Rs. 460.90 lakhs was released to the state for centrally aided projects during the same period.

(c) Government have announced policy measures for promoting and strengthening small industries which includes, among others, a scheme of Integrated Development (including technological back-up services) of small scale industries with the active participation of State Governments and financial institutions.

[*English*]

Chemical Industry in Orissa

6700. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal of the Government of Orissa pending with the Union Government for clearance in the field of Chemicals and Fertilizers;

(b) the time by which the proposals are proposed to be cleared;

(c) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a new chemical industry in Orissa during the Eighth Five Year Plan, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). No, proposal from government of Orissa is pending for clearance in the field of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

HPT In Kutch Area of Gujarat

6701. SHRI K. THULASAIAH VANDAYAR: Will the minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken to set up a powerful TV relay centre in border areas of Kutch in Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) A high power (10KW) TV transmitter (in replacement of the existing low power transmitter) with its antennae mounted on a 300 M high RCC tower is under establishment at Bhuj in Kutch district of Gujarat. The work for this project was awarded in March, 1989 but was suspended by the contractor in Nov., 1989 after a geological fault was observed during the course of excavation of foundation. Revised location for the tower has been finalised and steps have been taken to award the work to another contractor. The required transmitter equipment has been procured . As per present indications, the project is envisaged to be completed during 1994-95.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of Small Scale Industries in backward areas by SC/ST

6702. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: